

Recommendations to SLOW THE SPREAD of Emerald Ash Borer When Moving Ash from the Infested Area

Emerald ash borer (EAB) infestations naturally spread one to two miles annually. However, without due care, movement of infested material, especially ash firewood and logs, results in a faster and wider spread of EAB to uninfested areas. Carefully planning and managing the movement of infested or potentially infested material will slow the spread and provide greater protection for uninfested forests.

To slow the spread of EAB, follow these recommendations for the movement of forest products harvested within the Infested Area to all other locations¹.

SLOW THE SPREAD Recommendations		
Material to be Moved	Optimal Practices NON-FLIGHT SEASON October 1 – May 31	FLIGHT SEASON June 1 – September 30
Ash sawlogs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify purchaser of origin. Purchaser utilizes prior to May 31 and treats* bark properly – see <i>recommendations for bark below</i>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delay harvest until October 1. If harvesting must occur, notify purchaser of origin. Purchaser processes immediately and treats* infested bark properly – see <i>recommendations for bark below</i>.
Ash roundwood (pulpwood, log length firewood, bole wood)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify purchaser of the origin. Move to a purchaser that will process or treat* by May 31. Do Not sell for use as homeowner-firewood outside the infested area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delay harvest until October 1. If harvesting must occur, delay movement until after October 1. If movement is unavoidable before October 1, notify purchaser of origin. Purchaser processes and/or treats* immediately. Do Not sell as homeowner firewood or bole wood outside the infested area.
Whole tree chips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify purchaser of the origin. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify purchaser of the origin.
Bark treatments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burn in boilers onsite. Grind before May 31. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burn in boilers onsite immediately. Grind immediately.
Split ash firewood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not move ash firewood, that has not been heat treated*, outside the infested area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not move ash firewood, that has not been heat treated*, outside the infested area.
Visibly infested trees (flaking bark, galleries)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave on site or treat as above. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave or treat on site.

* See VTinvasives.org/land/emerald-ash-borer-vermont/slow-spread-of-eab for processing options. For additional information or questions, contact (802) 828-1531.



¹ The State of Maine has instituted a quarantine on ash material from outside Maine - www.maine.gov/dacf/php/caps/EAB.